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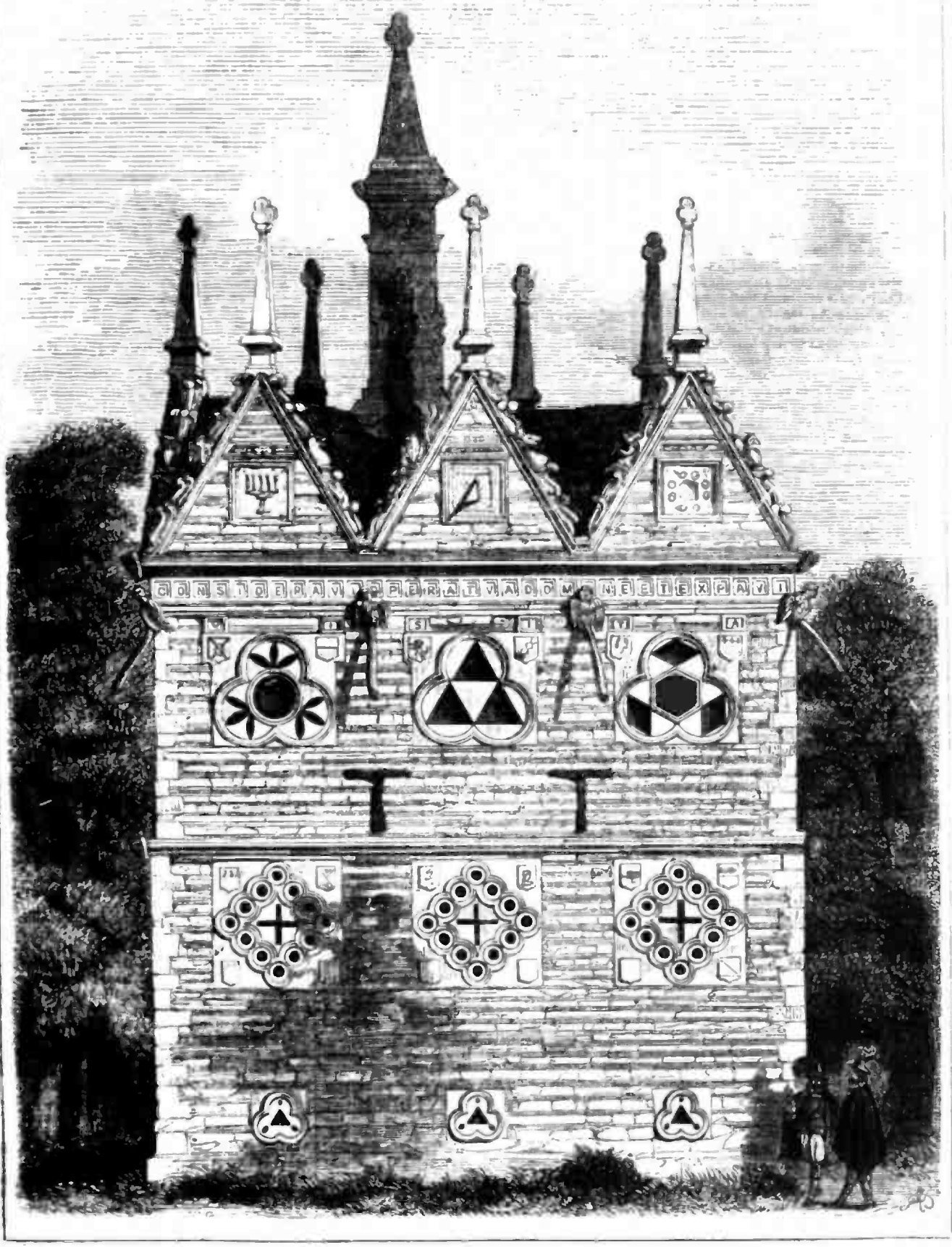

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About four miles north-east from the town of Kettering, in Northamptonshire, on the road to Rothwell, stands this singular building, a relic of strange times and strange men.

It appears at first view to have been intended for a hunting lodge, being in a lonely situation in the forest, but from the quantity of religious emblems and inscriptions upon it, and from the well known character of its first owner, it might have been a chapel, used for the practice of, at that time, a proscribed religion, and a place of shelter for its persecuted ministers.

The lodge is situated at one extremity of the park, in which stands the fine old building Rushton Hall. At the period of the erection of both buildings, the estate belonged to Sir Thomas Tresham, who, during the visit made by Queen Elizabeth to the Earl of Leicester, at Kenilworth, received the honour of knighthood. The family of Tresham appear to have first possessed Rushton in the sixteenth year of the reign of Henry VI., the estate having not very long afterwards become forfeited to the crown, in consequence of the attainder

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